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Examiner: L. Wells                      Art Unit: 1619  
Re: Application of:                      Sackler, et al.  
Serial No.:                                  09/624,530  
Filed:    July 24, 2000  
For:    **METHOD OF TREATING HUMANS WITH  
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EXTENDED CONTROLLED RELEASE**

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**RESPONSE**

Box: AF  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 26, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2002, Applicants respond as follows:

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 6-23 are currently pending.

**I. Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejections**

The rejection of claims 1-19 [sic] "under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting on the grounds of being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,478,577; Application No. 09/390,719; Application No. 08/938,898; and Application No. 09/304694 was maintained for the reasons set forth in the Office Action mailed October 12, 2001, Paper No. 9, and those found below."